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GeoQ 10 – What is the distribution of the Indigenous population in Australia?



Please note: This task is designed to be completed by hand.
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MAP:

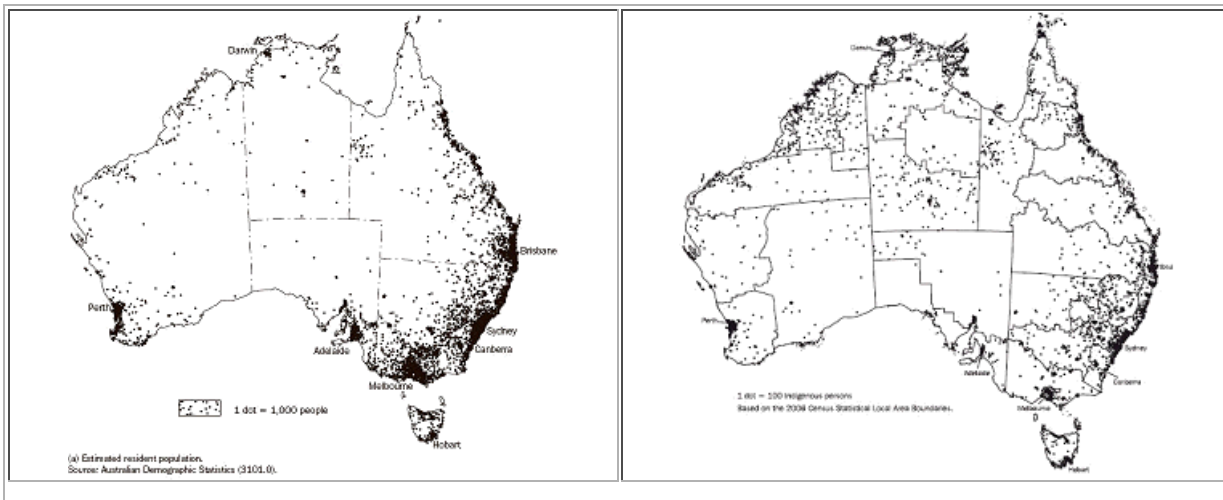


Figure 1: Population Distribution in Australia (2006)

Figure 2: Indigenous Population Distribution

TASK:

1. How is the legend of Figure 2 different to that of Figure 1?
2. On Figure 2, shade the map to show 3 zones—most populated, moderately populated and very lightly populated. Create a legend for your map.
3. Describe the difficulties you had in drawing these zones.

The estimated resident Indigenous population at 30 June 2006 was 517,200 people, or 2.5% of the total Australian population.

Source: Year Book Australia, 2008

4. Use the map in Figure 2 (Indigenous population distribution) to estimate the Indigenous population of each State and Territory. Place your answers below.

1. (Most Indigenous)
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8. (Fewest Indigenous)

5. Compare your answers in Question 4 with the data provided below and show how your answers are similar to the values below and how they are different.

Indigenous Population (a)

	Population 2006 (c) '000	% Indigenous Australian Population
New South Wales	148.2	28.7
Victoria	30.8	6.0
Queensland	146.4	28.3
South Australia	26.0	5.0
Western Australia	77.9	15.1

Tasmania	16.9	3.3
Northern Territory	66.6	12.9
Australian Capital Territory	4.0	0.8
Australia (d)	517.2	100.0

Source: Year Book Australia, 2008

(a) Experimental estimates

(c) Estimates are preliminary

(d) Includes other Territories (Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

6. Identify 3 ways in which the distribution of the indigenous population is different to the non-Indigenous population in Australia.

7. Explain why you think these differences occur.

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